

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 14, and CANCEL claims 4, 5, 9, and 15, in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A refrigerator having a main body with at least one storage compartment and a component compartment having a rear opening, the refrigerator comprising:

a cover to cover the opening of the component compartment, the cover provided with air inlets and air outlets which are spaced apart from each other;

a compressor and a condenser provided in the component compartment respectively corresponding to the air inlets and the air outlets; and

a fan provided in the component compartment between the condenser and the air outlets, to expel air within the component compartment through the air outlets, supported by a casing between the fan and a fan motor to drive the fan such that when the casing attaches to the cover a seal is formed between the casing and the cover to encapsulate the fan so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets.

2. (ORIGINAL) The refrigerator according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of air guiding parts provided at the air outlets.

3. (ORIGINAL) The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein the air guiding parts are sloped upward.

4. (CANCELED)

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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A refrigerator having a main body with at least one storage compartment and a component compartment having a rear opening, the refrigerator

comprising:

a cover to cover the opening of the component compartment, the cover provided with air inlets and air outlets which are spaced apart from each other;

a compressor and a condenser provided in the component compartment respectively corresponding to the air inlets and the air outlets; and

a fan provided between the condenser and the air outlets, to expel air within the component compartment through the air outlets~~The refrigerator according to claim 4,~~

wherein the fan comprises:

an impeller to move the air;

a fan motor to drive the impeller; and

a casing provided between the impeller and the fan motor;

wherein the casing hermetically contacts a surrounding area of the air outlets of the cover so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets, and

wherein the casing comprises:

a fan accommodating part to accommodate the impeller, and having air through holes to allow air surrounding the condenser to be absorbed;

an engaging bracket to couple the casing to the cover of the component compartment and the fan motor; and

a sealing part provided at an end of the accommodating part to form a sealed space by hermetically contacting the surrounding area of the air outlets, so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A refrigerator having a main body with at least one storage compartment and a component compartment having a rear opening, the refrigerator comprising:

a cover to cover the opening of the component compartment, the cover provided with air inlets and air outlets which are spaced apart from each other;

a compressor and a condenser provided in the component compartment respectively corresponding to the air inlets and the air outlets;

a fan provided between the condenser and the air outlets, to expel air within the component compartment through the air outlets~~The refrigerator according to claim 5; and,~~

a plurality of air guiding parts provided at the air outlets,

wherein the fan comprises:

an impeller to move the air;

a fan motor to drive the impeller; and
a casing provided between the impeller and the fan motor;
wherein the casing hermetically contacts a surrounding area of the air outlets of the
cover so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets, and
wherein the casing comprises:
a fan accommodating part to accommodate the impeller, and having air through holes to allow air surrounding the condenser to be absorbed;
an engaging bracket to couple the casing to the cover of the component compartment and the fan motor; and
a sealing part provided at an end of the accommodating part to form a sealed space by hermetically contacting the surrounding area of the air outlets, so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A refrigerator having a main body with at least one storage compartment and a component compartment, the refrigerator comprising:
a cover to cover an opening of the component compartment;
air inlets provided in the cover;
air outlets provided in the cover; and
a fan in the component compartment to expel air from the component compartment; and
a casing to support the fan, the casing being arranged between the fan and a fan motor
to drive the fan such that when the casing attaches to the cover a seal is formed between the
casing and the cover to encapsulate the fan so that all of the air moving through the fan is
expelled through the air outlets~~wherein the fan hermetically contacts a surrounding area of the~~
~~air outlets so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets.~~

9. (CANCELED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The refrigerator according to claim 89, wherein the casing comprises:
a fan accommodating part to accommodate ~~the an~~ an impeller of the fan, and having air through holes to allow air surrounding the condenser to be absorbed;
an engaging bracket to couple the casing to the cover of the component compartment and the fan motor; and

a sealing part provided at an end of the accommodation part to form a sealed space by hermetically contacting the surrounding area of the air outlets, so that all of the air moving through the fan is expelled through the air outlets.

11. (ORIGINAL) The refrigerator according to claim 8, further comprising a plurality of air guiding parts provided at the air outlets.

12. (ORIGINAL) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the air guiding parts are sloped upward.

13. (ORIGINAL) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the air guiding parts guide the expelled air away from the air inlets.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A refrigerator having a main body with at least one storage compartment and a component compartment, the refrigerator comprising:

a cover to cover an opening of the component compartment;

air inlets provided in the cover;

air outlets provided in the cover; and

a fan in the component compartment to draw air into the component compartment;

a casing to support the fan, the casing being arranged between the fan and a fan motor to drive the fan such that when the casing attaches to the cover a seal is formed between the casing and the cover to encapsulate the fan so that all of the air moving through the fan is drawn in through the air outlets~~wherein the fan hermetically contacts a surrounding area of the air inlets so that all of the air moving through the fan is drawn in through the air inlets.~~

15. (CANCELED)